dimension and weight of the consignment which was necessary to plan palletisation in respect of available cargo space. This was ascertained on the basis of enquiry made by the National Council of Science Museums, Calcutta and Air India.

(b) Does not arise.

Rural Population and Rural Labourer below Poverty line

2796. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the percentage of the rural population and rural labourer below the poverty line at the end of Fifth Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the percentage of rural population and rural labourer below the poverty line at the end of Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if the percentage of those below the poverty line has increased, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) has conducted quinquennial Household Consumer Expenditure Surveys in 1977-78 (32nd Roud) and 1983 (38th Round). The reports on these Surveys give consumption level for different items by Expenditure class and also the number of Households with their composition by Expenditure class. The results contained in the reports have been utilised by the Planning Commission for the estimation of the percentage and number of people below the poverty line. However, it is not possible to indicate from the results of these surveys the percentage of rural labourers below the poverty line separately as they are reckoned as part of the rural population.

On the basis of these surveys the percentage of rural population (including rural labour) below the powerty line has been estimated as follows:-

1977-78	
Terminal year of the Fifth Plan	51.2% (Revised)
1983-84	40·4%(Provisional)

The figures for the terminal year 1984-85 of the Sixth Plan are not available.

(c) Does not arise.

I.T.D.C. Policy for development of Hotel Industry

2797. SHRI L. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any change in policy of the ITDC in developingg its hotel industry during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to construct hotels in collaboration with the private agencies;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what are the cities where Government propose to construct yatri-niwas and hotels during the Seventh Five Year Plan

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) ITDC has at present no proposal to construct hotel projects in collaboration with any private arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Subject to availability of funds, the Central Department of Tourism proposes to construct at least one yatri niwas at a selected centre in each state in collaboration with States/Unon territories during the VII Plan period.

During VII Five Year Plan ITDC proposes construction of hotels at Agra and Gulmarg besides putting up joint venture